

at the time since its foundation in 1868 by the late Governor-General, Sir George Bowen, it has made itself famous for its remarkable in any way, unless perhaps if we except the occasion of its disastrous bombardment by the French fleet in 1840 under Admiral Courbet. Taking the matter under consideration in whatever light, therefore, it will be much to the advantage of the Chinese Government if the suggestions of the venerable Tadeo Kun-chuan are taken seriously by the young Emperor and his advisers, that would lead to the speedy construction of a modern machine-dredging and other kinds of docks for the growing fleet of China, which would be more useful than fifty arsenals of the Foochow type, which only manufactures guns of a kind that the march of progress in Europe and America has already pronounced obsolete.

Since writing the above, news has reached us which leads us to think that what we at first considered to be a rumor is really founded on fact. We now learn that an Imperial decree has been issued, directing Pien Pao-ti, Governor-General of the Min-chee provinces, to consult with the Yuchi-tien, the Imperial Commissioner of the Foochow Arsenal, on the expediency of following the suggestions of Tadeo Kun-chuan with reference to reducing the personnel and expenses of the Arsenal. As we have reason to believe that the Foochow Arsenal has always been in bad odour with the Governor-General, owing to frequent cases of disputed jurisdiction between the Imperial Commissioners at the Arsenal and the local authorities, we have every reason to hope that the result will be a memorial from Viceroy Pien Pao-ti advocating the carrying out of Viceroy Tien's secret memorial, modified a little, perhaps, in deference to the feelings of Pui Yuchi-tien, who doubtless will have to leave his post, as his rank-the second-is too high for the proposed reduction, and it would be *infra dig.* for him to accept the post of Superintendent of an ordinary Arsenal. In conclusion we might state that the pay of the Imperial Commissioner of the Foochow Arsenal is Tael 12,000 per annum, while that of an ordinary Superintendent is Tael 1200—the comparison is obvious—and that the cutting down of the present establishments and personnel would be a saving to the country of about two million taels a year, without calculating the waste arising from machinery imperfectly cast, the expenses of repairing them, and the *perquisites* of officials termed "Wei yuen" sent to Shanghai or this colony to buy steel, iron, timber, etc., for the gun-foundries and building-yards of the Arsenal.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 24th.
Mr. Parnell has provided for his mother; he was unaware of her distress.

A Queensland loan is expected to be put on the London market in January next.

Another Australian cruiser will be launched on the 14th December.

The *Blaire*, a steam screw cruiser of 9000 tons and 20,000 horse power, and carrying 12 guns, was launched at Chatham on Saturday. She is specially designed for proceeding on the long trade routes to Australia.

Sir Saul Samuel, replying to the toast of the Colonies upon the launch of the *Palorus*, said that any time Britain needed help use Australian squadrons would be at her service. [We are of opinion that Sir Saul Samuel cannot join his distinguished ancestors in the other place, too soon. The man must be a first-class idiot.—Ed., H.K. Telegraph.]

November 25th.

Benion is bankrupt.

The Santa Cruz Atlantic Club at San Francisco offer 30,000 dollars for Sullivan and Jackson to fight to a finish.

The freights by measurement have been raised by the steamers to fifty and sixty shillings to all Australian ports.

Archer, the Agent-General, is reducing the number of immigrants sent to Queensland by one-third.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

It is stated the Emperor will go from his palace to Nan Yuen (palace) to pay his respects to the Empress Dowager every five days.

The *Hui Pao* observes "We have now flourishing copper mines in Yunnan, silver mines at Mao-lung, gold mines at Moh-ho, and coal mines at K'ai-ping."

On the 16th November General Fang, now Admiral at Canton, formally opened the Hui-chow Mining Company, in the presence of a very large attendance of civil and military officials, in the city of Hui-chow, Kuang ung (South Coast).

The war-steamer *Kuang An* had an engagement lately at Whampoa with a salt-smuggling vessel, which resisted capture and returned her fire. Fighting was continued for some time, and a good many people were wounded; the vessel finally surrendered her ship and swimming ashore. The prize, with her cargo of captured salt was taken up to Canton.

There is also much gold buried in the earth in the S.W. parts of Szechuan, Mongolia, and the territory of the Sui Noin Chalks. But the Government is so afraid of disorder arising from the flooding of adventurers to the mines if they were opened, that it keeps a cordon of 22 *hau-lun*, or barracks, to prevent their access to this El Dorado, and a Mongol *dashak*, or head of a tribe or banner, is held personally responsible for their protection.

During the considerable number of years that have elapsed since Taotai Hia established the Tainan (South Formosa) Telegraphs, the poles have suffered from rain, spring freshets, insects, etc., until a good many of them have become *hors de combat*. The Director, Prefect Chang, has moved Governor Liu Miao-huan to send an officer to Foochow to buy several thousand poles. Mr. Hansen, a foreign expert, will assist in the placing of the new telegraph poles.

In Kuangsi an iron helmet was recently unearthed weighing several hundred catties. It is supposed to have belonged to Sui Jen-kuei, a celebrated Commander under the T'ang dynasty, (who, says Mayers, was sent against the Tibetans in A.D. 670, and defeated with great loss. In 682 he successfully repelled an invasion of the T'ibet-Turks). This Sui Jen-kuei, a native of Lungmen Hien, Shansi, is known to have been a man of enormous strength; but nevertheless if he wore such a helmet, it was an extraordinary idea on his part.

The Shanghai District Magistrate has issued a proclamation to the people stating that on account of the recent epidemic, and that on the bad harvest owing to the heavy rains all over the province he had sent petitions to his superiors, who have in turn petitioned the Throne. The Throne has graciously sanctioned their united petitions, so now the Government land and grain-taxes are entirely exempted in 25 *pau* 10 *li*—the official names for *wards* and *sections*, one *pau* being equal to an area of twenty square acres and a *li* to three square acres.

The Tamsui teas sent out to En-land and America this year amounted to between 380,000 and 390,000 chests; and the losses on them have amounted to between \$200,000 and \$300,000 distributed among native tea-men. Shippers by an American four-masted two-funnelled steamer called the *China* did a little towards recouping themselves for their losses by offering a rather better price at Amoy, in order to secure the remainder of the crop; but as only a thousand or 1,500 chests were left, the gains on these transactions did not go far towards compensating the tea-men for previous losses.

There was a grand trial of skill by the Sheng Chi Ying soldiers (reign drilled Imperial Guards) in shooting with rifles and field-pieces before Their Imperial Highnesses Princes Li and Sheng. The results obtained were exceedingly good and so much so that the Princes suspected that there must have been some trickery in accomplishing such high scores. They accordingly recommended that the guns should be shifted to another position as well as the targets, but the results again given were just as good, and the Princes left the grounds highly pleased with the successful review.

Tientsin is now full of furnishing refugees from the distressed districts; numerous are they as the sands of the Ganges. A party of beggars were lately observed with baskets loudly crying "mai nu," (*Girls for sale*); and on looking in, our informant was horrified to see in one of the hampers four baby girls, whose pinched faces and emaciated limbs told too plain a tale of the hunger which they had been and were enduring. He was glad to see them receive a substantial meal from a big house just inside the East Gate, and hopes they will not be driven to the extremity of selling their own flesh and blood to strangers.

We hear that on 18th November the Imperial Supervisor of Instruction, (a sinecure office at Peking, says Mayers) presented to His Majesty a memorial recommending the establishment of a service of steam launches on the inner waters, for the benefit of trade. He suggests that the Government should encourage this enterprise by a loan, if sufficient money is not subscribed by the Chinese merchants to initiate it. He also recommends the extension of the telegraph system to the Provinces of Shensi and Kansu, as by this means the Viceroy's could more rapidly place the Central Government in possession of information regarding the progress of events in these remote regions of the Empire, and their power of defence against foreign aggression from the West would also be enormously increased.

PEKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

December 4th, 1889.
The November meeting of the Oriental Society was held on the evening of Friday the 22nd at the French Legation, when Dr. Martin read a paper entitled, "The Opening of the Gates of the East." The paper was a criticism of Camdens' "Lusitania," giving an account of Vasco da Gama's doubling the Cape of Storms and finding his way to India. The resemblances to Virgil's "Æneid" were pointed out. Camdens' work was placed in the front of the second row of the great epic of the world. There was very little discussion on the merits of the paper—all agreeing that the author was practically unknown to them. Colonel Denby, the United States Minister, referred to his visit to Macao which, along with the grotto of Camdens, was very humorously described. Exception was taken to the vague though poetical title of the paper. We are accustomed to have from the learned sinologue every summer poetical leaves from his residence at the Pearl Grotto, and this last summer seems to have been spent in studying the great epic of Camdens, the Portuguese national poet; and the Oriental Society was fortunate in securing the result of that study.

The weather has again been the subject of more than the usual comment here lately. On the 23rd it again rained, succeeded by a few days of very dull weather, and this again by a wind from the north which cleared our skies and brought down the thermometer from 10 to 11 degrees below freezing and has left us there at night almost ever since.

The question of railway construction is still simmering in the official mind. There are those who positively declare that an Edict has been issued for the construction without delay of the Hankow line, or at least a portion of it, that is from Lu K'ou Chiao to Paoing fu, and that the Edict has first been submitted to Viceroy Li, after which it will find its way to the Admiralty Board. We cannot altogether credit these rumors, but we can safely aver that the Government has not abandoned the idea of constructing the Hankow line and that it is only awaiting the arrival of the late Canton Viceroy at Wuchang to take up the subject. An old Tientsin resident, now at home, who once made the journey from Hankow to Peking on a wheelbarrow, sends me the following notice in a letter by last mail, referring to the news received at home of the Emperor having not only sanctioned the above line but having given orders for its immediate construction. His first advice is to get a thorough survey made by competent hands of the road intended, and to make plans and get specifications and estimates for the work, and above all let the work be done under competent foreign civil and mechanical engineers, honest and sober men. I have seen numerous works in China which from their outward appearance ought to have stood; but they had given way and then was shown the hollowness and instability of the different works. For instance, there was the stone embankment on the Hui river, a little below Lu K'ou Chiao (bridge) on the south side. This embankment appeared very strong, the stones being cemented with iron. When I visited it immediately after the disaster, I saw at once that the stones were mere facings and that behind this stone facing, instead of solid masonry or concrete, there had been nothing but loose rubble stones of small size, not bound together in any way, although mountains of limestone were within a few miles of the spot. By the destruction of this embankment several villages were swept away, crops destroyed over a large district and several lives lost, and all this because the work was unskillfully done. Numerous bridges I have seen in Chihli as well as at other places during my travels, where the work was scamped in like manner. On looking at the broken arches, the cause of the break I saw to be that there was no foundation to the bridges. On the bridges again, I found where the arches had parted asunder from the top, the cause being want of foundation on the one hand and on the top loose small stones without any binding of concrete or cement. Any one who takes the trouble of looking at these scenes of ruin when travelling will see the cause of it at a single glance. The shape and form of the bridges and embankments was all that could be desired; but the unskillful carrying out of the work, when it was supposed it would not be seen, caused its ruin. The road along the plain of Chihli, one would think, could be constructed at a cheap rate, but do not forget that in many places this road will have to be raised on account of the heavy rain-waters from the mountains, and numerous small bridges for openings for this rain-water must be made even on the

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plain. On crossing the rivers and streams you will perceive in many places that while in the dry season the stream is only a few yards or even a few feet wide, yet the sands show that in the rainy season nearly a mile or sometimes more must be covered by the waters. Such is the case amongst others at the Lo River between the Yellow River and Honan. Nearly all these waterways could be managed by that to only moderately-sized bridges would be necessary. Crossing the Yellow River where I crossed it, no expensive bridges would be necessary. A single arch of considerable width would span the main stream on the north side, with stone arches on the island, leaving only one foundation to be made in the stream on the south side, this stream having but little or no current and but about six feet depth of water. Again before we reach Hankow there is a good deal of loose land which must be either raised by embankment or masonry; but the whole work presents no engineering difficulty. Insist on honest labor wherever the expense and whatever the length of time it may take to finish the railway from Peking to Hankow. It will take a long time and cost a great deal of money, and at first and until finished you will derive comparatively little income for your outlay, but the line is one of national importance. It will give you food supplies from south to north with which no one could possibly interfere; the same could not be said of a line to Chinkiang, up to which place our largest men-of-war could go without fear of obstruction; the numerous waterways also by the Chinkiang route would cause the line to be the more expensive of the two. I think Honan is a magnificent province; but it was little more than a population at the time of my visit in 87. The rebels had impressed the men, who did not again return; and while the province could grow three crops in a year, they only took off the land one crop, for, as the farmers said, they could neither eat it nor sell it—and that at the time of the famine in Shansi, the adjoining province.

"I see there is a talk of getting iron from Shansi for the railway. This is an impossibility at present without a road or railway from the Shansi mountains to the plains. I went through Shansi from T'ouan, climbing a precipitous mountain-wall of about 2,500 feet. On going north I asked many of the Chinese travellers if they knew of no way out of Shansi on the plain of Chihli. The reply was that they did not know of any such way, and so they crossed the mountains from south to north all the way on their way to the plain. No man save donkeys were employed in carrying either iron or coal amongst the mountains. If you want Chinese native iron, go to P'eng-cheng, right on your line of railway and possessing every requisite for the manufacture of iron and its steel. No other place can supply it. It is within five miles also of a navigable stream. P'eng-cheng seems made for such work and placed in the most central spot for railway-making purposes. The analysis of Messrs. Billequin and Dr. Percy proves that the iron ore, coal, lime and clay found there are all of the highest quality and fit for the making of iron and steel in all its branches. I formerly recommended you to accept the offer of—who would find the money and take the superintendence of all the work and material on commission, their outlay to be guaranteed by the Government. Another way is to employ one in whom you have confidence to get you plans, specifications, and estimates of iron-work, blast-furnaces, rolling, and plate-mills, &c., and find money yourself for the purchase of the necessary machinery and the wages of the men required to superintend the work. A man to make these plans and specifications, for large iron and steel works would charge you from 100, perhaps as high as 300 for them alone. Then as to estimates; if only estimates are wanted from first-class makers, probably a sum of 50 more or less would be charged; but without first class plans and specifications based upon a knowledge of the whole of the materials and of the place where the works are to be erected, no estimates are worth anything, because you don't know the quality of the material the machinery may be made of, nor how it would be made. In addition to first-class plans and specifications and estimates, next comes superintendence while making, and last of all inspection after all is finished and before shipment. Government inspectors would charge a large sum, but ordinary inspection by any competent mechanical engineer would be sufficient if the work is done under inspection by first-class men according to first-class specifications. The way the Chinese mandarins are lately reported to have set to work to get estimates, pitting one against another, is a plan that would probably land them with inferior machinery on hand—stuff not worth the carrying to China; for some people in England will make and sell you anything and of any quality you like. First-class workers come very near each other in their prices, and from these they will not and cannot abate without loss to themselves; but there are others who will be prepared to give you any allowance you ask, like the Russian agents here who demand from 6 to 10 per cent. for themselves, which is all charged to the cost of the estimates and does not appear in the accounts.

An honest shipbuilder on the Clyde was asked by a firm in London the cost of a vessel for the Chinese Government; it was estimated the price was so much. The firm wanted from the builder to prove what he was to pay them and charge in his account; but it was not to appear in the account. The builder himself told me that he told this London firm that he did not do business in that way. You get his account for cash net and the firm might charge what they liked; and knowing the parties in London and China, I can believe the story told me by the shipbuilder. In a future letter I may return to this subject.

Three of the depuities connected with the Palace electric lights have been dismissed on various charges.

The Emperor has been again interesting himself in College affairs by making enquiries at one of the ministers regarding the progress and organization. His Majesty was informed that the College has some good students, and some who will prove very suitable for interpreters. It is proposed to establish an interpretal department in connection with the Yamen, and so utilize some of the College students in the various language-classes, and also the returned secretaries and others from Europe.

The invitations for a fancy ball on the 6th of January have been issued by H.E. the Belgian Minister and Madame Verhaeghe de Naeve. Bishop and Mrs. Scott with the new arrivals for the Church Mission have reached Peking and are settling down to work. Among them is a medical lady, Miss Marston, who has had three years medical practice in Lucknow, India. She comes highly recommended. One of our former young ladies here, I hear, about to get married at Tientsin to an M.D.

Mr. Ready, of the Customs, who has latterly had charge of the English department in the College, has been shifted to Chinkiang and his post is filled up by Mr. Aglen, a very promising young student in the same service. Examinations in Chinese have been lately taking place among the students of both the services, and I hear that Mr. Ker has come out first among the British Legation students.—N. C. Daily News.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. [1591]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. [1593]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1889. [1577]
HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd inst. to the 1st day of January, 1890, both days inclusive.

P. W. CROSS, Manager. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1889. [1508]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A "PICK UP" will be commenced at 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, the 21st instant. Members willing to play will please sign their names, either on the list lying on the table in the Club Ante-room or on the one in the Cricket Pavilion, on or before 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 20th instant.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Sec. H.K. Hongkong, 16th December, 1889. [1587]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company Offices, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Directors' report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31st, 1889.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant to the 24th instant both days inclusive.

W. H. WALKER, Secretary. Hongkong, 14th December, 1889. [1579]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1890.

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E. H. GORE-BOOTH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1556]

THE PUNJON AND SUNHIE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st March, 1889, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

A. O. GOURDIN, Secretary. Hongkong, 16th December, 1889. [1586]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, AND REDUCED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Undermentioned Shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and Reduced, viz.—SCRIP No. 621 for 62 Shares New, 1880 to 1889 in the name of ALEXANDER MICHE have been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, New Scrip will be ISSUED to the said ALEXANDER MICHE, and the aforesaid Scrip No. 621 will be thereafter treated by this Company as null and void.

For the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and Reduced.
EDWARD OSBORNE, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd November, 1889. [1570]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS Company is now prepared to SUPPLY best quality PORTLAND CEMENT. J. FOREMAN, Secretary. 62, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. Hongkong, 3rd December, 1889. [1518]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 16th day of January, 1890, at Twelve o'clock Noon, when in accordance with the requirements of Article 66 of the Deed of Settlement of the Corporation, the Shareholders will be requested to authorize the Directors to accept an Ordinance passed by the Governor in Council of Hongkong amending the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance No. 5 of 1866.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 12nd December, 1889. [1509]

Intimations.

"IMPORTANT NOTICE"
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

INVITE special attention to their last Shipments of **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS**, JUST TO HAND. A full Assortment of First Class Goods is now on View, including a Choice Selection of MARION'S PAINTED OPALS, and all the latest Novelties of the best English and Continental Artists to be found in the Market.

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We are now offering a good variety of this Class of Goods, all in splendid condition, at Moderate Prices, comprising:—CHOCOLATES, CHOCOLATE CREMES, CHOICE FRENCH SWEETS, BURNT and SUGARED JORDAN ALMONDS, &c. FANCY CRACKERS, &c.

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We have just received and opened out a First Class Assortment of NEW PATENT CAMERAS, LENSES and appliances of all kinds, suitable for both Amateurs and Professionals. The Cameras and Lenses are of Exceptional quality, specially made for use in tropical climates, and fitted with all the latest improvements.

Cheap Sets of Apparatus for Amateurs and Travellers. Three sizes (viz.) 1/4, 1/2, and whole plate. Complete in strong Wood Cabinets. DRY PLATES—Thomas, Ilford, Britannia, &c., kept in stock. Photo Chemicals and Sundries of all kinds at Moderate Prices. Hongkong, 18th November, 1889. [1436]

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Late THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE CO., LD. OF HONGKONG).

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong. The liability of Shareholders to be limited to the amount of their shares.

CAPITAL.

\$400,000, divided into 40,000 Shares of \$10 each.
 \$5 Payable on application; \$5 on allotment, and the balance at call on 3 months' notice being given. No call will be made for at least 6 months.

5,000 Shares are reserved for the Vendors and their friends, and the balance (15,000) is offered to the public for subscription.

Applications for shares, accompanied by a deposit of \$5 per share, must be sent in to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong, Shanghai and Coast Ports on or before the 30th day of Dec. 1889.

The Directors will, subject to the Provisions of the Articles of Association, be nominated at the Statutory Meeting of Shareholders, to be held in January, 1890.

Provisional Board:
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Esq.
W. W. CLIFFORD, Esq.
A. E. SKEELS, Esq.

Solicitors:
MESSES. SHARP, JOHNSON & STOKES.

Bankers:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

General Manager:
 (pro. tem.) **A. E. SKEELS, Esq.**

Secretary:
 (pro. tem.) **M. H. MICHAEL, Esq.**

Offices:
 HONGKONG, 37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD.
 LONDON, 5 ST. DENY PLACE, E. C.

THE Hongkong Branch of THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE CO., LD., has been formed into a separate Company with the above title. This business was acquired in August, 1888, as a going concern, by THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE CO., LD. (the present Vendors) and has since then, under able management, progressed so satisfactorily in increasing its sales and extending the scope of its several departments, that the Vendors, although confident that further development will result in an increasingly profitable trade, find that they are unable to supply the required capital, as their Articles of Association do not permit them to borrow by way of mortgage, nor can they increase their Capital for the purposes of business in Hongkong.

The Vendors have therefore agreed to sell to the Hongkong Trading Company, Limited, the Hongkong business, in consideration of the sum of \$20,000 for the goodwill and certain advantages with regard to special agencies for the Vendors, Home buying, &c. The Stock-in-trade, Fixtures, Household Furniture, etc., will be taken over by the Company at cost valuation (as per stock books) on December 31st, 1889, and the Book Debts (after writing off all known bad debts) will be also taken over, less a deduction of 5 per cent.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made for a much-needed enlargement and improvement of the present premises, and the refusal of a lease for 3 or 5 years at the Company's option has been secured.

The following are the principal departments, as at present carried on, viz.:—Household & General Store, Wines & Spirits, Empire Brewery Products, (Sole Agencies), Hall & Holtz Co.'s Steam (Sole Agencies).

Furniture Factory, Gentlemen's Outfitters and Tailors, Drapery, Millinery & Dressmaking, Children's Outfitters, and Fancy Goods, Furnishing, General Upholstery, House Painting and Decorating.

It is proposed to add a Furniture Factory, and such other branches of trade as from time to time may be considered advisable.

The Vendors will bear the whole cost of the preliminary and other expenses attending the formation of the Company, up to the date of allotment.

Applications for Shares (accompanied by a deposit of \$5 per share) must be made on a printed form, and forwarded to the Company's Bankers; should no allotment be made the deposit will be returned in full, and in case the number of shares allotted is less than that applied for the surplus deposit will be appropriated towards the sum due on allotment.

Application Forms can be obtained at the offices of the Company's Bankers in Hongkong, Shanghai, and Coast Ports.

The list will be closed in all these places on the 30th December, 1889.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1889. [1509]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Catterthun	Port Darwin	December 17th	Russell & Co.
Morry	Calcutta	December 17th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Merionethshire	London	December 18th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Prometheus	Liverpool	December 18th	Butterfield & Swire.
Euphrates	London	December 19th	Russell & Co.
Irakoudy	Marcellas	December 22nd	Messageries Maritimes.
Electra	Hamburg	December 22nd	Siemssen & Co.
Telamon	Liverpool	December 23rd	Butterfield & Swire.
Teheran	Bombay	December 31st	P. & O. S. N. Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE DEPARTING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Thames	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Jason	Butterfield & Swire.	To-morrow, 21st.
London (direct)	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 25th.
London, Hamburg, &c.	Pembroke	Adamson, Bell & Co.	December 20th.
Havre, London, &c.	Montmouthshire	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 23rd, at 10 a.m.
Havre & Hamburg, &c.	Agila	Messageries Maritimes.	Dec. 25th, at noon.
Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Pathen	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 22nd, at 10 a.m.
New York	Oceanic	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Dec. 26th.
San Francisco, via Panama	City of Rio de Janeiro	O. & S. S. Co.	Dec. 28th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Panama	Batavia	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 9th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via S. &c.	Chingtu	Butterfield & Swire.	Tan. 9th, daylight.
Port Darwin, &c.	Khiva	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 20th, at noon.
Straits and Bombay	Flintshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Dec. 23rd, at noon.
Sandakan, Kudat, &c.	Verona	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Dec. 20th, daylight.
Yokohama, via Nag., &c.	Merionethshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Sikh	Butterfield & Swire.	December 20th.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Prometheus	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Felding	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Manila, via Amoy	Sin Nanning	Douglas LaPraik & Co.	Dec. 19th, daylight.
Coast Ports	Namoa		

Intimations.

F. Blackhead & Co.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS.

PROVISION MERCHANTS,
 NAVY CONTRACTORS,
 AND
 GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS
 No. 11, Praya Central,
 (Opposite Pedder's Wharf).

SOLE AGENTS
 for
RAHTJEN'S
GENUINE
COMPOSITION
 FOR
THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, specially manufactured for coating the inside of STEEL SHIPS.

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS
 PRESERVATIVE AGAINST
 ROTTING, DECAY, &c., OF WOOD.

SAPOLIO
 ENOCH MORGAN'S SON'S
SAPOLIO
 OR GENERAL CLEANING PURPOSES.

CHR. MOTZ & Co., BORDEAUX CLARETS.
 MAX HAESE'S FRANKFURT ON M.
 CONSERVED MEATS,
 VEGETABLES and FRUIT.

CEMENT from the celebrated Factory of Hemmoor.
 SWEDISH TAR and OREGON PINE LUMBER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER
 ENGINEERS' and BLACKSMITHS' MACHINERY and TOOLS.

EVERY KIND OF
 SHIP'S STORES and REQUISITES
 ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

ALL KINDS OF
COALS
 SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.
 Hongkong, 25th June, 1889. [82]

A. G. GORDON & CO., LIMITED.

ENGINEERS, LAUNCH BUILDERS,
 GENERAL and GOVERNMENT
 CONTRACTORS, IRONMONGERS, COM-
 MISSION AGENTS, VALUATORS, IRON
 and TIMBER MERCHANTS.

WORKS:
 BOWRINGTON, EAST POINT.

OFFICE:
 9, PRAYA CENTRAL.

STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.
 Hongkong, 1st May, 1889.

Dr. Knorr's
ANTIPYRINE.
 (Dose for Adults 16 to 25 grains troy).

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING-COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the medical Faculty. To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist. Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

Supplies constantly on hand at JUSTUS LEMKE & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai—Sole Agents for China. Beware of spurious imitations!

Hongkong 29th May, 1889. [150]

WINE and SPIRITS of the best quality, ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES, BOWLING ALLEYS, TENNIS LAWN.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand. L. MALLORY, Hongkong, 24th June, 1889. [183]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO., CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.
 NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.
 Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches; awarded the highest Pries at every Exhibition; and for Volkmann and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES, No. 2, Queen's Road Central. [1374]

FOR SALE.
WATERBURY WATCHES, REDUCED TO \$2.70 each.

Repairs never exceed 50 CENTS for each Watch.

Orders from Outports to be accompanied with Remittance for Cash.

THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, (Sole Agents in Japan and China for the Sale of the above Watches,) 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Opposite Marine House. Hongkong, 14th December, 1889. [1047]

MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

UNTIL the NEW PREMISES are ready the above named Institution will be carried on at Nos. 2, 4, and 6, High Street, above the Government Civil Hospital.

Good Accommodation for M. M. Officers. Terms Moderate. JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor.

J. A. CLARKE, Teacher of Officers and Engineers. Above Address. Hongkong, 2nd September, 1889. [1502]

NOTICE.
THOMAS KERR & CO.
 ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS, AND CONTRACTORS,
 YAU-MAI-TEE ENGINEERING WORKS, Kowloon. Hongkong, 6th June, 1889. [150]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Account for the year ended 30th November, 1889.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 21st instant, both days inclusive.
MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 6th December, 1889. [1528]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

GENTLEMEN desirous of playing in the Match, SCOTLAND v. THE WORLD, proposed for 26th, 27th, and 28th December next, will kindly sign their names on the Notice next in the Hongkong Club and the Cricket Pavilion.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 15th November, 1889. [1524]

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1889.

THE Committee request the Pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong to Tiffin on Board the Flagship on the 19th and 20th instants, on the occasion of the Annual Regatta.

The Flagship is reserved entirely for Ladies, Subscribers, and those Members of the Victoria Recreation Club competing in the various events.

Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES the Pilot Fish will leave Pedder's Wharf on each day for the Flagship at 12 Noon and 12.45 P.M.

Subscribers wishing to obtain Tickets for the Flagship should apply to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. T. WRIGHT, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Rowing Members can obtain Tickets admitting to the Flagship from the Steward V.R.C. upon application.

GODFREY C. C. MASTER, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 11th December, 1889. [1572]

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS, (REGISTERED).

AN ANTI-SEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes and Ship's Tackle. May be applied to: Beams, Floors, Wainscoting, Wooden Ornaments, Eaves, Roofs, Wooden Sheds, Farmer's and Gardener's Implements, Carts, Posts, Fences, Stables, Gates, Bridges, Boats, and all Timber underground.

Effectually excludes all dampness from walls painted with it and entirely prevents the crumbling away and decay of both stone and bricks. White ants do not touch wood painted with Carbolineum Avenarius.

Used during the last 14 years with the utmost success, as proved by numerous Testimonials of living authorities.

Sold in casks of about 450 lbs. net. Price 8 cents per lb.

For further particulars, apply to **SCHIELE & Co.**, Sole Agents, No. 16, Stanley Street. Hongkong, 2nd December, 1889. [1510]

LOST.

THE Undermost 100 SHARES of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, being the Property of the undersigned, having been LOST, the Public are warned against negotiating same.

Certificate in name of
 50 Shares, L. Mendel, B. 2071
 10 Shares, W. D. Spence, B. 2099
 25 " Do. B. 2134
 15 Shares, W. H. Gaskell, B. 2266-27018/27032.
 H. N. MODY. Hongkong, 9th September, 1889. [1122]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Bank Share Certificates, viz.:

No. B. 2071 = 3465/66, 4645/52 } 50 Shares.
 2134/55, 14399/92 }
 15694/72
 IN THE NAME OF L. MENDEL.

No. B. 2099 = 2266/2289 } 10 "
 B. 2134 = 2266/2289, 57342/46 } 25 "
 1406/10
 IN THE NAME OF W. D. SPENCE.

No. B. 2266 = 27018/27032 } 15 "
 IN THE NAME OF W. H. GASKELL.

together One Hundred Shares have been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the Thirty-first day of December next, New Certificates will be issued to the said L. MENDEL, D. SPENCE, and W. H. GASKELL respectively, and the aforesaid Certificates B. 2071, B. 2099, B. 2134, and B. 2266 will be thereafter treated by the Corporation as null and void.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 1st October, 1889. [1217]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—\$1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL—250,000.
RESERVE FUND—1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS